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SUBJECT: JERANGAU-JABOR DEVELOPMENT ROAD PROJECT, MALAYSIA

FOR NAC AGENCIES

REF: MANILA 11925, OCTOBER 4, 1974

SUMMARY: ADB MANAGEMENT PROPOSES TO APPROVE MALAYSIAN GOVT REQUEST TO INITIATE ADVANCE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED ROAD NETWORK AND SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS FOR PROPOSED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) FOR SUBJECT PROJECT ON UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS NO BANK COMMITMENT TO FINANCE PROJECT BEFORE BOARD CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL, AND NO AWARDS, AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS WILL BE ENTERED INTO PRIOR TO EFFECTIVITY OF PROPOSED LOAN. USADB DOES NOT INTEND TO OBJECT. END SUMMARY

1. ADB DOC.R79-75 ON ABOVE SUBJECT POUCHES ADDRESSEES AUGUST 19.

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2. PROPOSED JERANGAU-JABOR DEVELOPMENT ROAD PROJECT CONSISTS OF (A) CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 110 MILES OF TRUCK AND FEEDER ROADS WITHIN TRENGGANU TENGAH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AREA ON EASTERN COAST OF PENINSULAR MALAYSIA; AND (B) PROVISION OF TA FOR INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OF LEMBAGA KEMAJUAN TRENGGANU TENGAH (LKTT), WHICH IS GOVERNMENT AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF AREA, SO THAT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF DEVELOPMENT SCHEME CAN BE PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED. SUBMISSION OF PROJECT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1975.

3. IN VIEW OF URGENCY ATTACHED TO PROJECT'S IMPLEMENTATION AND TO EXPEDITE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD COMPONENT, BANK NOTIFIED GOVERNMENT ON OCTOBER 22, 1974 ITS APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS ON UNDERSTANDING THAT BANK'S APPROVAL DID NOT CONSTITUTE ANY COMMITMENT FOR PROJECT FINANCING. (REFTEL REFERES.) PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR ROAD COMPONENT HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BANK PROCEDURES. BANK STAFF ARE PRESENTLY REVIEWING LIST OF PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS.

4. PROJECT AREA IS NORMALLY SUBJECT TO INTENSE RAINFALL DURING NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY MONSOON SEASON, WHICH EFFECTIVELY LIMITS CONSTRUCTION SEASON TO NINE MONTHS. IN ORDER TO MAKE FULLEST UTILIZATION OF 1976 PERIOD, GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED BANK TO AGREE TO ISSUANCE TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR ROAD COMPONENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH BANK'S PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES BUT WITHOUT BANK COMMITMENT TO FINANCE PROJECT, AND WITH ASSURANCE NO CONTRACT AWARD WILL BE MADE PRIOR TO LOAN EFFECTIVENESS. ALSO, IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCY OF KLTT, GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED BANK AGREEMENT TO ISSUANCE INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS TO INDIVIDUALS AND CONSULTING FIRMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BANK'S USES OF CONSULTANTS TO PERMIT PRIOR SELECTION OF TA PERSONNEL. THIS WOULD ALSO BE WITHOUT BANK'S COMMITMENT TO FINANCE PROJECT AND WITH SAME TYPE OF ASSURANCE AS ABOVE. IN THIS REGARD, BANK STAFF WILL CONDUCT PRIOR DETAILED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXAMINATION OF PROPOSED TENDER INVITATIONS, TENDER DOCUMENTS AND FORMS OF CONTRACTS FOR ROAD COMPONENT AND PROPOSED INVITATIONS, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FORMS OF CONTRACTS FOR TA PERSONNEL.

5. BANK PROPOSES TO APPROVE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST IF NO OBJECTION TO, OR REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF, PROPOSAL IS MADE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER BY AUGUST 29.

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